

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A railroad switch comprising:

a lost motion basket housing having an opening in said housing, said opening travelling laterally through said housing, along a longitudinal axis, for allowing unimpeded lateral displacement of a rod or bar therethrough;

at least one abutment in said opening for limiting lateral displacement through said opening of a surface associated with said rod or bar; and,

means for rotatably retaining an arm associated with said housing, said means having an axis of rotation;

wherein said axis of rotation does not intersect said longitudinal axis.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 1, said housing further comprising a head portion and a lower portion, said means for rotatably retaining an arm being located on said head portion.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 2 wherein said means for rotatably retaining an arm comprises a bore in said head portion, said bore being transverse in relation to said opening and being adapted to receive a pin for rotation in said bore and for connection to said arm.

Claim 4. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 3 wherein said lower portion comprises means for securing a rod to said housing.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A railroad switch comprising:

a lost motion basket housing having an opening travelling laterally therethrough for allowing unimpeded lateral displacement of a rod or bar therethrough along an opening axis, at least one abutment in said opening for limiting lateral displacement through said opening of a surface associated with said rod or bar member and a head portion, and a bore in said head portion, said bore having an axis that is transverse to and does not intersect said opening axis, said bore receiving a pin for rotation therein.

Claim 6. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 5 further comprising at least one torsion arm retained on said pin.

Claim 7. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 6 wherein said torsion arm comprises an elongated slot and one end of said pin extends through said elongated slot.

Claim 8. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claims 5, 6, or 7 further comprising attachment points on said housing for securing a switch rod assembly thereto.

Claim 9. (Previously Amended) The railroad switch of claim 6 or 7 wherein one end of said torsion arm is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:

a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,

at least one arm rotatably mounted on said sliding element.

Claim 11. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 10 wherein said at least one arm comprises a pair of opposed arms.

Claim 12. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 11 wherein each of said opposed arms is rigidly secured to an assist rod.

Claim 13. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claims 10 or 11 wherein said rod or bar is hinged to a switch rod.

Claim 14. (Withdrawn) A basket assembly for use in a railroad switch comprising:

a sliding element having an opening for receiving a rod or bar therethrough; and,

a pair of pins extending from opposed sides of said sliding element.

Claim 15. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 14 further comprising a pair of arms, each of said arms being mounted for rotation of one of said pins.

Claim 16. (Withdrawn) The basket assembly of claim 15 wherein said arms are rigidly connected to an assist rod.